Conversion of LPT at Bharuch into HPT

1524. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to convert the Low Power Transmitter of Bharuch into High Power Transmitter to provide better TV coverage in the areas.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether conversion work has started at the site; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) While parts of Bharuch district already received TV service from the existing Low Power TV transmitter (LPT) at Bharuch, TV service in the area would be further strengthen on commissioning of the High Power TV transmitters (HPTs) envisaged to be set up at Surat and Vadodra, subject to availability of resources and other infrastructural facilities.

डिश एन्टीना के उपयोग हेतु लाइसेंस जारी करने संबंधी दिशा-निर्देश

1525. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
श्री शमशेर सिंह सुरजेवाला:

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने डिश एन्टीना के उपयोग के लिए लाइसेंस जारी करने के संबंध में कोई दिशा-निर्देश जारी किए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार सूदूर ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों और ग्राम पंचायतों में डिश एन्टीना के उपयोग के लिए लाइसेंस प्राप्त करने से छूट देने का विचार रखती है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इस बारे में सरकार की उदारीकरण नीति का ब्यौरा क्या है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री एस जयपाल रेड्डी): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Doordarshan dues to various organisations

1526. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Doordarshan is yet to receive Rs. 30 crore from various parties and that the Doordarshan has sought Ministry of Law's help to recover the said amount;

(b) if so, whether any legal proceeding against the defaulters has been initiated;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the companies which stand as defaulters in the books of Doordarshan as on date?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Action to initiate legal proceedings against some of the defaulters has already been undertaken.

(d) The major defaulters having dues of Rs. 1 crore and above as on 31.07.1997 are as under:—

1. M/s. Amitabh Bachan Corporation Ltd.
2. M/s. Drishti India (P) Limited.
3. M/s. Plus Channel.
4. M/s. Nimbus Communications.
5. M/s. Multi Channel.
6. M/s. Primetime Media Service.
7. M/s. Media Asia.
8. M/s. Sitaravision.

Number of cases taken up by Lok Adalats

1527. DR. P B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases taken up by the Lok Adalats during each of the last three years, State-wise;